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## Dodson House

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Dodson House  
Shallmar  
Private

ca. 1908

The Dodson House is a duplex, two story, hip-roofed building of balloon frame construction. Its basic configuration is a four bay by two bay square plan with a one story, shed-roofed kitchen wing across the rear. The facade has a symmetrical, four bay arrangement with two center doors that are sheltered by a shed-roofed porch on turned posts. The building rests on a wooden post foundation that is covered by a plain board watertable. Board and batten siding covers the exterior walls and two over two sash windows light the house on all elevations. The interior is divided into two, one family units by a partition wall in the center. Each unit consists of five rooms. This house is the last surviving building in Dodson, an early twentieth century, company-owned coal mining town.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Dodson House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shallmar Rd. - SE side, 1.4 miles SW of North Hill Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Shallmar

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dodson House is located on the Southeast side of Shallmar Road approximately 1.4 miles southwest of its junction with North Hill Road. It is situated between Short Run and the North Branch of the Potomac River with its facade pointing southeast, toward the road.

The house is a duplex, two story, hip-roofed building of balloon frame construction. Its basic configuration is a four bay by two bay square plan with a one story, shed-roofed kitchen wing across the rear (NW elevation). A shed-roofed porch is located on each side of this wing (NE and SW elevations) and a shed-roofed addition was recently constructed on its west corner. The facade has a symmetrical, four bay arrangement with two center doors that are sheltered by a shed-roofed porch on turned posts.

The building rests on a wooden post foundation that is covered by a plain board watertable. Board and batten siding covers the exterior walls and two over two sash windows light the house on all elevations. The roof is covered with asphalt roll siding and has boxed rafter ends with a plain board frieze below. An interior brick stove chimney is located near the northeast elevation between the two bays.

The interior is divided into two, one family units by a partition wall in the center. Each unit consists of five rooms. The facade door enters into the front room with a dining room directly behind it and the kitchen in the rear wing. Two bedrooms are located upstairs.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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SPECIFIC DATES	ca.1908	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is the last surviving building in Dodson, an early twentieth century, company-owned coal mining town. Seven mines were located at Dodson.<sup>1</sup>

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

<sup>1</sup> Charles K. Swartz and Wilham A. Baker, Jr. Second Report on the Coals of Maryland, Maryland Geological Survey, (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, 1920), p. 255.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

June 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

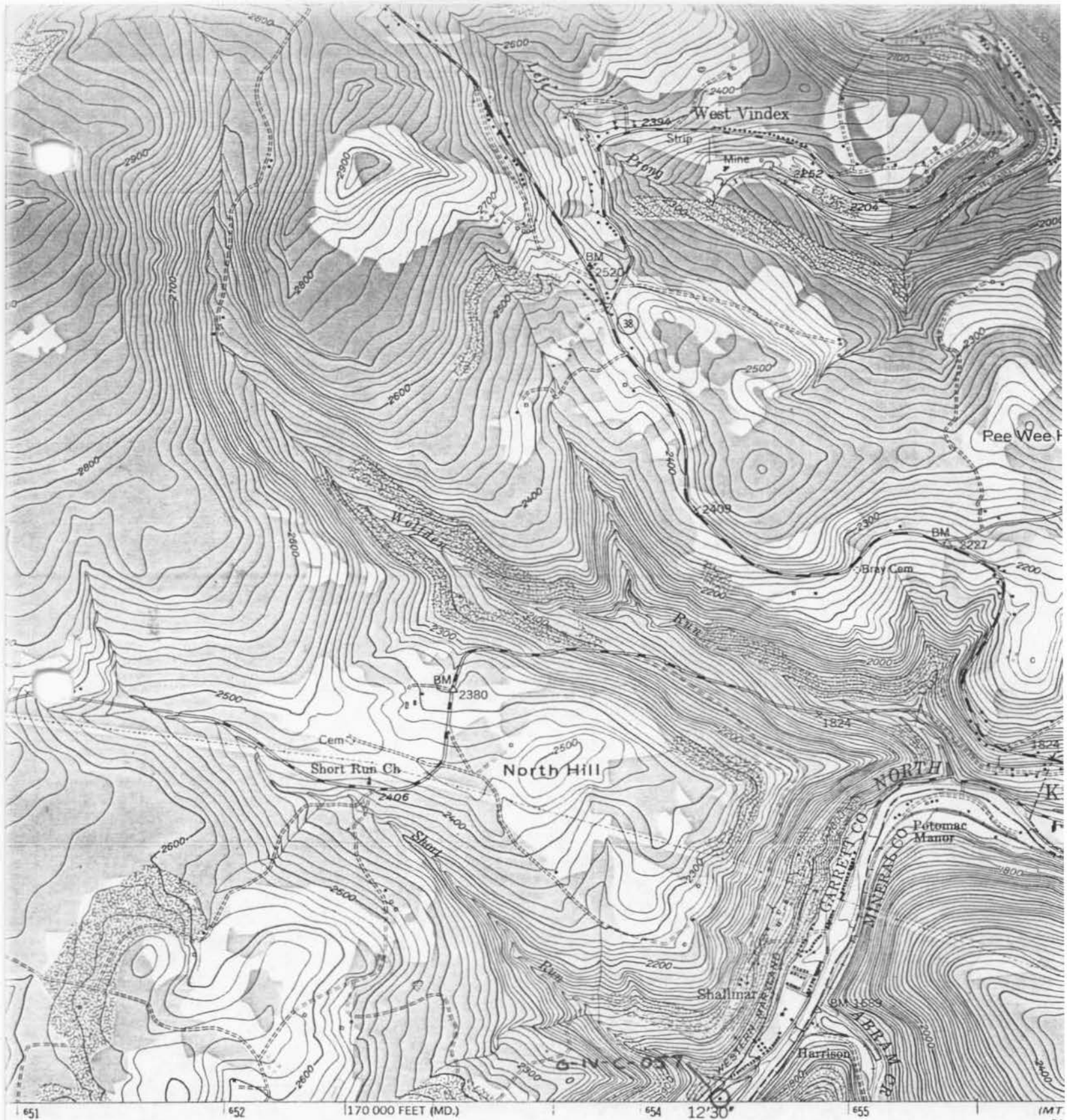
STATE

Maryland 21401

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 USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale 1:24,000  
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Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 3/31/81

Facade: SE elev.



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Dodson House  
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Rear: NW elev.